

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus comprising:  
~~a communication section which performs image data communication utilizing a mail transmission system of a computer network by transmitting a mail indicating image data via a mail transmission system;~~  
~~a section which writes an important mail flag in the mail in accordance with an instruction made by a user when the user requests transmission of the image data;~~  
a printer;  
10 a determining section which, if a delivery confirmation mail, which notifies whether delivery of the ~~image data~~ ~~mail~~ has succeeded or failed, has arrived, determines whether the delivery confirmation mail notifies a delivery failure or a delivery success of the ~~image data~~ ~~mail~~ transmitted from the communication section, wherein the delivery confirmation mail includes the important mail flag if the important mail flag is written in the mail transmitted by the communication section; and  
15 a control section which causes the printer to print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail, only if at least one of: (i) the important mail flag is included in the delivery confirmation mail and (ii) the determining section has determined that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery

failure, and which causes the printer not to print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail if both: (i) the important mail flag is not included in the delivery confirmation mail and (ii) the determining section has determined that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery success.

25 Claim 2 (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the mail transmitted by the communication section transmits comprises an e-mail, to which the image data is attached as an attachment file, based on an e-mail protocol.

Claims 4-7 (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling a facsimile apparatus, wherein the facsimile apparatus includes: including a printer, and a communication section which performs image data communication, utilizing a mail transmission system of a computer network by transmitting a mail indicating image data via a mail transmission system, and a section which writes an important mail flag in the mail in accordance with an instruction made by a user when the user requests transmission of the image data, the method comprising:

10        determining, if a delivery confirmation mail, which notifies whether delivery of the ~~image data mail~~ has succeeded or failed, has arrived, whether the delivery confirmation mail notifies a delivery failure or a delivery success of the ~~image data mail~~ transmitted from the communication section, wherein the delivery confirmation mail includes the important mail flag if the important mail flag is written in the mail transmitted by the communication section; and

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causing the printer to print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail, only if at least one of: (i) the important mail flag is included in the delivery confirmation mail and (ii) it has been determined that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery failure, and causing the printer not to print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail [[,] if the both: (i) the important mail flag is not included in the delivery confirmation mail and (ii) it has been determined that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery success.

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Claims 9 and 10 (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein the mail transmitted by the communication section transmits comprises an e-mail, to which the image data is attached as an attachment file, based on an e-mail protocol.

12. (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus comprising:  
communication means for performing image data communication  
~~utilizing a mail transmission system of a computer network by~~  
~~transmitting a mail indicating image data via a mail transmission~~  
5 ~~system;~~

means for writing an important mail flag in the mail in  
accordance with an instruction made by a user when the user  
requests transmission of the image data;

means for printing an image;

10 means for determining, if a delivery confirmation mail,  
which notifies whether delivery of the ~~image data mail~~ has  
succeeded or failed, has arrived, whether the delivery  
confirmation mail notifies a delivery failure or a delivery  
success of the ~~image data mail~~ transmitted by the communication  
15 means, wherein the delivery confirmation mail includes the  
important mail flag if the important mail flag is written in the  
mail transmitted by the communication means; and

means for controlling the printing means to print an image  
based on the delivery confirmation mail, only if at least one  
20 of: (i) the important mail flag is included in the delivery  
confirmation mail and (ii) the determining means has determined  
that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery  
failure, and for controlling the printing means not to print an

image based on the delivery confirmation mail [ , ] if both:  
25    (i) the important mail flag is not included in the delivery  
confirmation mail and (ii) the determining means has determined  
that the delivery confirmation mail notifies the delivery  
success.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus according to  
claim 12, wherein the mail transmitted by the communication means  
~~transmits comprises~~ an e-mail, to which the image data is  
attached as an attachment file, based on an e-mail protocol.